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SUBJECT: VICE FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON PANAMA-CUBA RELATIONS

REF: GUATEMALA 4195

1. COMMENTING ON PANAMA'S DECISION TO RESUME
RELATIONS WITH CUBA, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OBIOLS OBSERVED TO PRESS AUGUST 22 THAT IT
WAS "NECESSARY FOR THE OAS TO STUDY (REVISAR) THE CUBAN
CASE IN ORDER TO AVOID THAT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES
CONTINUE TO UNILATERALLY ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH HAVANA.". OBIOLS STATED THAT GUATEMALA
HAS NO INTEREST IN LIFTING OR REAFFIRMING THE SANCTIONS
AGAINST CUBA BUT IS CONCERNED THAT RIO PACT AND OAS
ARE BEING WEAKENED BY UNILATERAL ACTIONS.

2. COMMENT: NEW ELEMENT IN OBIOLS' REMARKS IS EXPRESSION
OF CONCERN THAT UNILATERAL ACTIONS ON CUBA ARE WEAKENING
LATIN AMERICAN UNITY. GUATEMALA APPEARS TO BE SHIFTING
MORE AND MORE TOWARD POSITION OF APPROVING LIFTING
OF CUBA SANCTIONS IF THAT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID FURTHER
BREAKS IN LATIN AMERICAN UNITY.

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